

Look, I get screamed at by staff saying, no one knows what GDP and percentage of GDP is. I am trying to talk to people like they are adults. The tax side doesn't work. Should we change parts of the tax code? Okay, I am fine with that, but don't think it is the solution.

For my brothers and sisters on my side, I need to put them together. It is a little harder, showing all the discussions of what we think we can cut. I come up with like a point, maybe a point and a quarter of GDP.

Now, you have got to understand. I will do a reference, so this makes sense. Back, last June, when we did the debt ceiling deal, there was \$100 billion that was going to be removed from nondefense discretionary, so you are functionally going from \$700 billion to \$600 billion something.

Bloomberg Analytics—which has really good economists and really good data systems, they have spent a fortune building this model—came back and said, yeah, actually in 2024, if you execute that, yeah, you are going to save \$100 billion, but you will also slow down the economy by, like, a half a percent.

Something we actually don't talk about is big-boy economics. When they want to raise taxes, and even when we

want to cut spending, it does have economic effects. We need to calculate those things in, so we are being honest about the math.

One last board, Mr. Speaker. I am not going to make you all suffer through this. I guess I am trying to make a point. There is hope. There is a way I can make this work, but we have got to do it all together. I mean, we couldn't even organize lunch if we wanted to. There is a way to stabilize the debt to GDP, but it has to be done through policy.

Those who look you in the eyes and say, I can cut it and get there, I can tax and get there, they need to own a calculator, and I can give them some great literature to read.

However, there is policy out there, and policy is hard because you have got to be willing to look a number of the army of lobbyists, many of our constituents, many of the people here and say, there is a reason you didn't go to Blockbuster Video last weekend. Technology creates revolutions. Instead, now you hit a button at home and you stream.

Those changes are already here that could dramatically change the cost of healthcare, dramatically change the cost of what it is to protect the environment, dramatically change the cost

of building transportation. The technology, the engineering is here, but the laws we have passed, the way we reimburse things, we are still defending the old model.

If we want to save the country, we have dozens of things that are incredibly important, but I will argue, we cannot survive a few more years of every 140 days borrowing another trillion dollars. If you want to understand what takes republics down, it is ultimately when they have to inflate their currency, when they have to crush anyone with savings, destroy your kids' future, your retirement, and that is what we are heading to.

There is hope, but every day we sit on our hands here, that hope gets a bit dimmer.

Mr. Speaker, with that bit of joy, I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the fourth quarter of 2023, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
HOUSE COMMITTEES											
Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return. <input type="checkbox"/>											

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. BRYAN STEIL, Dec. 18, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
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HON. FRANK D. LUCAS, Jan. 4, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
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HON. ROGER WILLIAMS, Jan. 3, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²

HOUSE COMMITTEES

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HON. RON WYDEN, Jan. 4, 2024.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2911. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-343, "Opioid Crisis and Juvenile Crime Public Emergencies Extension Authorization Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-2912. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-342, "Crime Victimization Survey Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-2913. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting a list of reports created by the Clerk which it is the duty of any officer or Department to make to Congress, pursuant to Rule II, clause 2(b) of the Rules of the House (H. Doc. No. 118—97); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 788. A bill to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 118-339). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 187. A bill to ensure the payment of interest and principal of the debt of the United States, with an amendment (Rept. 118-340). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. McHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 6370. A bill to require the Office of Foreign Assets Control to develop a program under which private sector firms may receive a license to conduct nominal financial transactions in furtherance of the firms' investigations, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 118-341 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. HOUCHIN: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 947. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 788) to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 98) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Na-

tional Labor Relations Board relating to "Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status"; and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 38) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Highway Administration relating to "Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Charges" (Rept. 118-342). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged from further consideration. H.R. 6370 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

[Submitted January 5, 2024]

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. SCHIFF):

H.R. 6913. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require corporations to disclose to their shareholders the amounts disbursed for certain political activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. HINSON:
H.R. 6914. A bill to require institutions of higher education to disseminate information on the rights of, and accommodations and resources for, pregnant students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself and Mr. KHANNA):

H.R. 6915. A bill to support the establishment and improvement of communications sites on or adjacent to Federal lands through the retention and use of rental fees associated with such sites, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. VAN ORDEN):

H.R. 6916. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report regarding outreach provided to veterans about the availability of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. NICKEL:

H.R. 6917. A bill to modify the Standard Form 86 questionnaire used for national se-

curity eligibility determinations to include questions regarding an individual's membership in, or association with, organizations spreading conspiracy theories regarding the Government and participation in the activities occurring at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

[Submitted January 9, 2024]

By Mrs. FISCHBACH (for herself, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 6918. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from restricting funding for pregnancy centers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. VAN ORDEN (for himself, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. STEIL, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. GALLAGHER, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. POCAN):

H.R. 6919. A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Tomah, Wisconsin, as the "Jason Simcakoski Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. CARSON, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. MOYLAN, Ms. TITUS, and Ms. TOKUDA):

H.R. 6920. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to include training regarding financial protections under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act in certain financial literacy training programs for members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. DE LA CRUZ (for herself, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, and Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas):

H.R. 6921. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize payments under the environmental quality incentives program to assist producers in implementing certain conservation practices along the southern border of Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. EMMER (for himself and Mr. TORRES of New York):

H.R. 6922. A bill to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act to provide parity with respect to access to the mortgage insurance for hospitals program for licensed hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. MALLIOTAKIS:

H.R. 6923. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to require a State to enter into a data sharing agreement with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Transportation in order to be eligible for the port security grant program and the port infrastructure development program; to the